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From: Andrea [mailto:andrea.tata@earthlink.net]
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To: Commissioner.Whitfield; ViceChairman.Howard
Subject: SCE&G's proposed rate increase

Given the economic times we are living in I am offended that SCE&G would even consider asking for a rate increase. I'm sure the executives have not considered pay or bonus decreases. It is also worth noting that the service provided by SCE&G is far from outstanding, especially when compared with the electric co-ops throughout the state. Many of these co-ops are now reducing rates.

In addition to reducing rates, the co-ops around the state actually help their customers with the purchase and installation of new equipment such as heat pumps, air conditioning units, and water heaters. Although SCE&G provided this assistance to its customers at one time, they no longer do.

It is not like people have an option to change utility companies if they do not like the service or price of SCE&G. Absent moving or converting your entire house to some form of energy consumption that would take you off of the SCE&G grid, you have no choice.

I urge you to deny SCE&G's requested rate hike.

Thank you for your consideration.

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